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## Rep. Bernard Schaber: Federal Stimulus Dollars for Public Transit Critical for Fox Valley

Fox Valley to Receive \$1.4 Million

Madison – Rep. Bernard Schaber (D-Appleton) issued the following statement regarding news that additional federal stimulus dollars will be awarded to Fox Valley to cover a variety of local public transit improvements for local services and Fox Valley citizens.

"I'm encouraged by the recent investment in Fox Valley's public transit systems. This proves that federal stimulus dollars aren't just going to Madison or Milwaukee and that the hard work of everyone in Appleton is paying off.

Appleton is being awarded \$1.4 million to go to 3 new hybrid buses, roof replacement, fare box upgrades, route signage and passenger shelters. Anything that makes it easier and cheaper for families to get to a job or find a job, attend worker training or otherwise make it through their day is absolutely critical at this time.

I'm encouraged by the continued investment in our community and our working families. I will continue to work with our local officials and citizens as the process continues. Public officials on every level must continue to have a voice in this process."

The public transit awards for Fox Valley are only the latest step in the long process of distributing federal stimulus funds. In February, Rep. Bernard Schaber cast a vote for a critical state stimulus bill that authorized the first \$300 million in federal funds for state transportation projects. Those projects are estimated to create 9,000 jobs in Wisconsin.

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